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FM AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6072  
AMEMBASSY QUITO PRIORITY

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, CASC

SUBJ: W/W CASE OF ROBERT A NICOLL,  
MR AND MRS JOSEPH C SCHAUB

1. CESSNA SKYMASTER (N-2324-S) PILOTED BY U.S. CITIZEN  
ROBERT A. NICOLL (FAA LICENSE 1782920) IN TEMPORARY  
CUSTODY OF SECOND AIR ZONE AUTHORITIES AT GUAYAQUIL AIR-  
PORT FOLLOWING ABORTED FLIGHT GUAYAQUIL-QUITO ON 12  
APRIL 1978.

2. NICOLL AND AMCIT PASSENGERS SOFIE M. SCHAUB AND JOSEPH  
C. SCHAUB ALL FROM COLORADO ENTERED ECUADOR AT GUAYAQUIL ON 2 APR  
AS PART  
OF LATIN AMERICAN FISHING TRIP. DEPARTED GUAYAQUIL  
APPROX 0630 HRS ON 12 APRIL WITH APPROVED FLIGHT PLAN  
TO QUITO. PILOT ALTERED ROUTE IN FLIGHT TO OVERFLY  
CUENCA AND FOLLOW CORDILLERA NORTH TO QUITO WITHOUT  
NOTIFICATION TO GUAYAQUIL AIR CONTROL. STATES HE WANDER-  
ED IN CLOUDS FOR APPROX. 2 1/2 HOURS EAST OF CUENCA-  
RIOBAMBA SECTOR UNSUCCESSFULLY SEEKING VISUAL FLIGHT  
READING BEFORE RETURNING TO GUAYAQUIL AT 1140 HOURS.

3. NICOLL QUESTIONED BY CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES  
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AND ASKED TO PROVIDE REPORT SINCE SEARCH ALERT HAD BEEN  
SET OUT WHEN CRAFT FAILED TO ARRIVE QUITO AS SCHEDULED  
AND IN-FLIGHT RADIO COMMUNICATION LOST DUE TO APPARENT  
EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION.

4. SECOND MILITARY ZONE INTERESTED AS FLIGHT ENTERED  
RESTRICTED AIR SPACE NEAR MACHALA. INSPECTION OF PLANE

AND CONTENTS IN PRESENCE OF CONSULAR OFFICER PROVIDED  
NO RPT NO EVIDENCE OF CONTRABAND OR OF ESPIONAGE  
ACTIVITIES. FINAL DISPOSITION TO BE MADE BY BRIG, GEN  
EDUARDO PAZMINO, COMMANDER OF SECOND AIR ZONE. POSSIBILITY  
OF FINE.

5. NICOLL AND THE SCHAUBS STAYING IN LOCAL HOTEL AND  
UNDER NO FORM OF DETENTION PENDING RESOLUTION.  
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